

Introduced by Senator Karnette

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An act to amend Sections 5050 and 5051 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1784, as introduced, Karnette. Vehicles: historical and special interest.

Existing law sets forth definitions for certain provisions relating to historical and special interest vehicles.

This bill would expand the specified definitions to include the display of historical and special interest vehicles.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5050 of the Vehicle Code is amended to
2 read:

3 5050. The Legislature finds and declares that constructive
4 leisure pursuits by California citizens is most important. This
5 article is intended to encourage responsible participation in the
6 hobby of collecting, preserving, restoring, *displaying*, and
7 maintaining motor vehicles of historic and special interest, which
8 hobby contributes to the enjoyment of the citizen and the
9 preservation of California's automotive memorabilia.

10 SEC. 2. Section 5051 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

11 5051. As used in this article, *the following terms have the*
12 *following meanings*, unless the context otherwise requires:



(a) “Collector” is the owner of one or more vehicles described in Section 5004 or of one or more special interest vehicles, as defined in this article, who collects, purchases, acquires, trades, or disposes of ~~such the~~ vehicle, or parts thereof, for his or her own use, in order to preserve, restore, ~~and display, or maintain such the~~ vehicle for hobby or historical purposes.

(b) “Special interest vehicle” is a vehicle of any age ~~which that~~ is unaltered from the manufacturer’s original specifications and, because of its significance, such as an out-of-production vehicle, or a model of less than 2,000 sold in California in any model year, is being collected, preserved, restored, *displayed*, or maintained by a hobbyist as a leisure pursuit.

(c) “Parts car” is a motor vehicle ~~which that~~ is owned by a collector to furnish parts for restoration or maintenance of a special interest vehicle or a vehicle described in Section 5004 or 5004.6, thus enabling a collector to preserve, restore, ~~and display, or~~ maintain a special interest vehicle or a vehicle described in Section 5004 or 5004.6.

(d) “Street rod vehicle” is a motor vehicle, other than a motorcycle, manufactured in or prior to 1948 ~~which that~~ has been individually modified in its body style or design, including through the use of nonoriginal or reproduction components, and which may include additional modifications to other components, including, but not limited to, the engine, drive train, suspension, and brakes in a manner that does not adversely affect its safe performance as a motor vehicle or render it unlawful for highway use.